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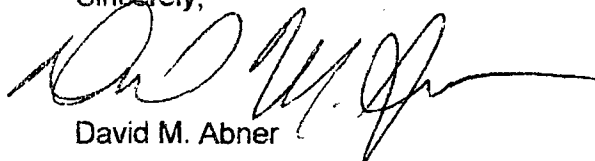
**Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site**

Dear Ms. Yamamoto:

This is to request an extension to November 14, 2008, for Ashland Inc. to respond to USEPA's 104(e) Request for Information regarding its formerly leased facility at 3322 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon, regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Ashland's response regarding this facility is currently due October 30, 2008. An extension is necessary for Ashland to continue to complete its due diligence in interviewing former/current Ashland employees, and reviewing additional documents that have been located in the last seven days for information to provide accurate and truthful responses to your questions.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,



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